

## THE GENESIS OF HALEAKALA.

No. 3.—Reminiscences of Olinda.

A Brazilian Emperor, in admiration of a little town near Pernambuco, exclaimed "Olinda," thus giving it a name. And he can but echo the word "Olinda" (the beautiful) who, having climbed the "Hill of Difficulty," at the summit of which the "Palace Beautiful" stands, looks from its brow over the lovely mountain slope, covered with verdure and dotted with white cottages, while a dark jagged line marks the course of some ravine, winding down to the sea. To the left rise the blue peaks of the Waiuku Mountains, seeming so insignificant compared with this height, while the islands of Molokai and Lanai play at hide and seek behind them. The blue of the ocean encircles all; and above are fleecy clouds which circle the summit of our grand old Haleakala. Half way up to slope the delightful mountain home, at Olinda, was established in 1876 by Mr. S. T. Alexander, and has ever since been the Maui panacea for all ills. How many jolly parties have made this the rallying point for a climb to the summit; and what merry days and weeks we have all spent here—laughing at all inconveniences, such as forks in the ratio of one to four individuals; a knife for stirring our coffee, or a spoon for carving beef-steak and turkey; wild cattle warranted to gore one to death at first sight (but who have never been known to do so); the distant rumble of whose voices will send you up a tree in a minute—if you happen to be a girl; and a colony of "Swiss chamois" more ferocious than Mark Twain ever encountered. All these ills we forget amid the hundred and one pleasures of Olinda: the berrying, rambling, picnicing in the woods, ferning, mossing, hunting, shelling, in fact everything is a pleasure at Olinda, especially eating and breathing. Let us hear the testimony of those who have experienced it all and left their names and their sentiments in the Olinda record book.

"Four thousand feet above the sea we look down upon a charming view of forest, valley, mountain and sea. And here is a perfect description of our earthly Paradise. 'Now I saw in my dream that the pilgrims were got over the enchanted ground and entered into the country of Olinda whose very air was sweet and pleasant. There they solaced themselves for a season and heard the singing of birds and saw every day the flowers appear in the earth, and the voice of the turtle was heard in the land.' Again a rollicking line meets our eye. 'Rise up, jig, and away we go,' whose writer every one can guess. Marion E. Rowell, under the date of August, 1877, gives us the following lines:

Thou land of kua and choicest fern,  
To these my thoughts will oft return,  
For thee my inmost soul will yearn.

Olinda! Olinda!  
Akiahs rare do here abound,  
Olinda's rare and red are found—  
And I might also mention the wild straw-  
berry but will say it is a magnificent  
fruit and I cannot be induced to speak  
of anything that will not to thy credit  
resound—

Olinda!  
Here every face with smiles is bright,  
Voices are merry, hearts are light—  
As well as the biscuit, which on account of  
the absence of atmospheric pressure,  
rise to a most amazing height.

Pais, Maui. THOS. L. GELICK.

## An Incident about Gibson.

Mr. Gibson is about the year 1852, or just before he sailed away from New York in the schooner "Flint," fell deeply in love with a young lady, whose father was a well-known New York merchant. His demonstration of affection was, at times, grotesque. The lady was interested in him, owing to his agreeable personal address, and was charmed with his rather chimerical schemes for the good of mankind. She took his proposal of marriage under consideration and, while the affair was pending, she dreamed one night that two little children ran up to her, and asked her for her protection. The following day, she mentioned the dream to Mr. Gibson, without any suspicion on her part that the incident had any connection with his life, when he frankly stated that he was a widower with two children. The lady's father, who did not favor the marriage, refused to allow Mr. Gibson to call at his house, after this confession. The lover, on several occasions, however, made some ridiculous demonstrations before the house, and shortly after sailed away for South America and Sumatra. The lady, in the meantime, had gone to one of the European capitals, and was residing with the American Minister Resident in that place, a relative of hers; and while there was informed that Gibson had threatened to cross the ocean in his vessel and abduct her. This he did not attempt. She is now living in Europe and was connected by blood relation with the wife of a former President of the United States, and is connected by marriage with one of the present candidates for presidential or vice presidential office.

## As Others See Us.

The following item, clipped from an English paper, was received by the last mail, and shows how others envy the happy political condition of Hawaiians, under the present regime:

If the accident of birth and the associations of many years had not made me irrevocably a British subject, I do not know any foreign nation to which I should feel more tempted to belong than the Kingdom of Hawaii. By a majority of nearly three to one the enlightened legislature of those realms has abolished the navy, and reduced the army to a force of 65 men and a military band. Happy Hawaii! Happy Hawaiian taxpayer! Thrice happy, I may say, for not only have they got rid of army and navy, but the legislators, by some admirable constitutional hot-house process, carry the bill over the Royal veto. The King of Hawaii must be the ne plus ultra of a constitutional monarch. The only people I feel sorry for are the Hawaiian journalists, who will, I fear, find things very slack with no horse guards, no admiralty, no Wimbledon meeting, no naval maneuvers.

The greatest height at which visible clouds ever exist does not exceed ten miles.

## OAHU ASSOCIATION.

Condition and Operations of the Native Hawaiian Churches.

The Hawaiian Evangelical Churches held their semi-annual meeting in Kaimakapili church on Wednesday. All the ten churches were represented by pastor or delegate. The opening sermon was preached by the moderator, Rev. J. Kekahuna, of Waianae.

Reports from the different churches were then presented. The Church at Ewa reported a new chapel dedicated at Waikaele, and \$293 25 contributed during the last half year for paint and repairs on their building at Kalaheo.

The Church at Waiwalea expect to take up their final collection next Sunday, and then proceed to the building of a new church, for which they have, or will have, about \$2,000.

The Church at Waianae reported their pastor's salary, \$300, easily raised this year with the aid of a generous contribution from officers and employees of the Waianae plantation; \$210 had been spent on repairs to the church. A new chapel had been built at Makua for \$680, of which \$230 had been given by the konoiki.

The Church at Kahuku, has been united with that at Hanalei, losing its separate name and identity.

Kaimakapili church was authorized to send their pastor among the other churches to raise money to pay off their debt of \$6,000 on their new church building. Hon. S. M. Damon had generously paid the bills for fencing, grading, and sodding the enclosure around the church.

A former pastor of the Kaneohe church, who had been deposed from the ministry, applied for restoration to his clerical privileges. Various papers were read by different pastors on subjects assigned.

A vigorous discussion arose on the nature and fruits of true repentance. The Association voted to adopt the new rule, and to begin with the new year the choice of deacons in successive classes for a term of years, as the trustees are now chosen. There was an animated discussion on the character of the teaching in the Government schools. It was voted to petition the Board of Education to exercise greater care in regard to the moral character of the teachers, and to allow the use of the Bible at the discretion of the teacher as one of the books to be read in the school.

## Second Day's Proceedings—Earnest Discussions and Active Resolves.

The Oahu Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches continued its session at Kaimakapili Church on Thursday. From reports of committees it appears that children in some of the outer districts are growing up, who do not even know how to read. In Waiwalea there are twenty children, but no school; in Kahuku, forty children, but no teacher. Parents were cautioned against sending their children to Catholic schools where they are taught with impudent effrontery to despise and renounce the religion of their parents.

Rev. S. Waiwalea was dismissed from the Waianae church, and the usual commendatory papers voted to the retiring pastor. Rev. H. H. Parker was appointed committee in charge of the vacant churches of Kaneohe and Waiwalea.

An outbreak of drunkenness was reported in some districts, attributed to beer-brewing, the drink mania of it is sufficient to put a person in a drunken stupor. The people of Kaneohe have suffered also from the gambling tricks of the Chinese store-keepers, losing all their property in some instances by buying shares in raffles. In some districts the Chinese, as well as the Portuguese, were reported as busily selling, on the sly, Malaga wine. It is one-fifth alcohol; but pays only a small duty of fifteen cents per gallon. Being a cheap as well as strong drink, it is having a large sale. Great regret was expressed that the Reform Legislature should have passed a law licensing the sale of beer, as if the drink was an ally of reform, and not its strongest opponent. One of the whole-sale liquor houses keeps an agent traveling from one place to another inducing the Chinese store-keepers to engage in this illicit traffic.

In considering plans for further activity, it was represented that the Mormons, Catholics, and Anglicans, are busily engaged in visiting from district to district, but the Evangelical churches have no one employed in such work. Resolutions of respect for Rev. A. O. Forbes, late Corresponding Secretary of the Hawaiian Board, were adopted. General approval was expressed of the action taken in inviting Rev. Oliver P. Emerson, of Riverdale, E. I., to take the vacant Secretaryship. It was proposed to appoint some minister to devote a portion of his time to the work of visiting and rousing the drowsy churches.

Kaimakapili church has received from one of its members, J. Kaneohehna, the gift of a lot of land on which to build a parsonage. Kaneohe church has recently refitted and refurbished its parsonage. Kalini church ought to have a parsonage for its needy pastor.

In the afternoon the Sunday schools and their management constituted the topic of discussion. The tendency to frivolous performances in the Sunday school concert exercises was deprecated, and it was declared to be decidedly checked. It was voted to approve the project of raising a Lyons Memorial Fund of \$2,000, the income to be applied to the support of boys in boarding schools.

Rev. Dr. Beckwith presented the greetings of the Central Union Church and in a brief but forcible address urged more general and faithful study of the Bible.

It was recommended to form, if possible, a Bible Reading Union similar to the Prayer Union formed last year, and it was voted to ask the Hawaiian Board to print and distribute cards with dates and arrangement of chapters to be read in concert.

The Young People's Association were exhorted to organize themselves for Christmas work after the general plan now followed by the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor in the United States.

Rev. E. S. Timoteo was appointed Traveling Preacher for the Island of Oahu, at a salary of \$408. The call of the Hanalei church to S. Kapa to become their pastor was approved, and a committee was appointed to obtain and install the pastor-elect.

A special session was held at 7 p. m. to examine candidates for the North Pacific Mission Institute. The Association adjourned to meet again in Kaimakapili church on the first Wednesday in April.

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